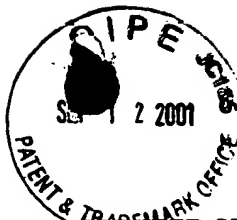


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a one-month extension of time to extend the time for response to the Notice of Missing Requirements of 11 June 2001 to 12 September 2001, the Patent Office being closed on 11 September 2001 due to a national emergency. A check including the amount of \$55.00 for the extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) is attached. This Petition is being filed in duplicate.

The Commissioner hereby is authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 which may become due in connection with the instant application to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

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